

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system for managing inventory of components in a room. The system includes an identification device configured to communicate identification information relating to an associated component, a reader device configured to substantially autonomously receive the  
5 identification information from the identification device, and means for identifying the locations of the identification devices. The system also includes a controller configured to communicate with the reader device and compile the identification information received from the reader device and the locations of the identification devices to maintain an inventory of the components.